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25X1 4. [] - GLC) Met briefly with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, yesterday. He mentioned the Senate conferees are ready to meet with the House on the Military Procurement bill, but there was some indication that the House did not want to move too quickly. Braswell said he would like to get from us in the next few days our position on the Symington amendment including any suggestions we might have for language changes if the amendment remains in the bill. He said he would also like to have figures which would include all costs for Agency programs in Laos including the operation of the Laos station (but excluding the cost incurred in the United States) so that he would be prepared to offer total figures if the conferees agree that all costs other than the bombing of the trails are to be included. He said he is also going to the State Department to get figures from them on the cost of operations at the U. S. embassy in Laos. []
25X1A FE Division, is preparing this material.

Braswell told me that Senator Symington had expressed to him concern over the lack of information in the Beecher article in the New York Times yesterday and had asked him to check on the accuracy of the information in the article. I told Braswell the information in the article is generally accurate.

25X1 5. [] - GLC) Obtained from Mr. James Woolsey, General Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, a copy of the estimated costs of U.S. programs in Laos for fiscal year 1972. This estimate was prepared by Woolsey on information provided him by the Department of Defense. Copies are being sent to Messrs. Warner, John Clarke, and [] 25X1A Woolsey underscored Braswell's request for background information which could help them to prepare for discussions on the Symington amendment to the Military Procurement bill when it is taken up in conference. Woolsey and Jack Ticer, of the Committee staff, said Senator Symington had asked Braswell for figures on the budgets of the CIA, DIA, and NSA but these staffers made no request for this information from us at this time.

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